THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Air India will acquire four Boeing 747-400 aircraft during 1993-94 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2333.33 crores. Indian Airlines has no plans for acquiring any new Boeing aircraft in the near future.

(c) This can be quantified only after the aircraft are actually deployed on the network of Air India.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Suitability of the aircraft from the economical as well as operational/ maintenance angle is determined, before Air India/Indian Airlines make the final choice of aircraft for their fleet. Suitability of an aircraft is determined by such factors as routes to be operated, no. of passengers to be carried, availability of 'in house' maintenance facilities etc.

Vayudoot flights

3145. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Questions 3636 and 1161 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1992 and 1st December, 1992, respectively, and state:

(a) what are the routes of the country on which Vayudoot services are under operation; and

(b) what are the reasons that the Vayudoot service is running irregularly between Bombay and Nanded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement indicating routes of Vayudoot service currently under operation is apended. [*See* below]

(b) Due to operational reasons Vayudoot services on the route Bombay-Pune-Nanded and back have been adversely affected during the last few months.

Statement

Routes operated by Vayudoot

S. No.	Routes	Frequency per week
	Western Region	
1.	Bombay-Pune-Bombay	13 Flights
2.	Bombay-Rajkot-Kandla-Rajkot-Bombay	3 Flights
3.	Bombay-Keshod-Porbandar-Bombay	4 Flights
4.	Bombay-Kolhapur-Belgaum-Bombay	7 Flights
5.	Bombay-Pune-Nanded-Pune-Bombay	3 Flights
6.	Bombay-Diu-Bombay	3 Flights
	Northern Region	
1.	Delhi-Lucknow-Delhi	6 Flights
2.	Delhi-Chandigarh-Kulu-Chandigarh-Delhi	7 Flights
3.	Delhi-Ludhiana-Chandigarh-Delhi	6 Flights
4.	Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi	6 Flights

S. No.	Routes	Frewquency per week
5.	Delhi-Shimla-Kulu-Shimla-Delhi	7 Flights
6.	Delhi-Chandigarh-Dharamshala-Delhi	3 Flights
	Eastern Region	
1.	Calcutta-Jamshedpur-Calcutta	6 Flights
*2.	Calcutta-Shillong-Calcutta	3 Flights
3.	Calcutta-Aizwal-Agartala-Calcutta	7 Flights
4.	Calcutta-Baghdogra-Cooch Behar-Baghdogra-Calcutta	2 Flights
	Southern Region	
1.	Madras-Coimbatore-Madras	3 Flights
2.	Madras-Coimbatore-Cochin-Agatti-Cochin-Coimbatore-Madras	3 Flights
3.	Cochin-Agatti-Cochin (Subject to load)	3 Flights
4.	Madras-Pondicherry-Madurai-Tuticorin-Pondicherry-Madras	3 Flights
5.	Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Rajamundary-Hyderabad	6 Flights
6.	Hyderabad-Tirupati-Hyderabad	7 Flights

*Due to strike in Indian Airlines, Vayudoot has temporarily suspended its services.

Development of Tourism in North East States

3146. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is big potential for tourism in Tripura, but high air fare and difficulties to travel by surface keep away the tourist from Tripura; and

(b) whether Government propose to consider the communication problem of six small States of North Eastern region which have direct link only through air with the rest of the country and to subsidize the air fare to these six states like Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram. Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh in order to boost tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Air fare in respect of services of Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in North Eastern States is already lower than elsewhere for the same distance. There is no proposal to further reduce the air fares for sectors in North Eastern region because of high cost of operation of air services.

उत्तर प्रदेश और गुजरात में पुरातत्वीय स्थलों का पर्यटन के लिए विकास

3147. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश और गुजरात में कुछ पुरातत्वीय स्थलों पर पर्याप्त पर्यटन सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) ऐसी सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) से (ग) महत्वपूर्ण पर्यटक केन्द्रों जिनमें पुरातत्वीय स्थल भी सम्मिलित हैं पर पर्यटन की आधारभूत सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराना मुख्यतया संबंधित राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेवारी है। तथापि, ऐसे कुछ पुरातत्वीय स्थलों के महत्व पर विचार करते हुए, जहां अधिसंख्य पर्यटक जाते हैं पर्यटन विभाग ने भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के साथ सहयोग करके उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ केन्द्रों पर पेय जल और शौचालय जैसी आधारभूत सुविधाएं मुहैया कराई हैं।